



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://laccod.org>**

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

1:00 PM

Call to Order. (15-3331)

President Janet A. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

Present: President Carlos Benavides, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza, Commissioner Rosa Maria Chaturvedi, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Hector Ochoa and 2nd Vice President John B. Troost

Absent: Commissioner Edward A. Colley and Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish

Excused: Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck, Commissioner Peggie Reyna, Commissioner Sheila D. Wright and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of June 17, 2015. (15-3332)

On motion of 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 2nd Vice President John Troost, and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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2. President Report. (15-3338)

President Neal thanked everyone who supported during her term.

She acknowledged Districts Deputies, members of the Standing Committees, Community Partners and staff.

Additionally, she acknowledged the following members of the public: Chanh To, Kimberly Whyte and Jacob Cohen.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

- 3. Special Acknowledgements and Installation of 2015-2016 Officers. (15-3337)**

Rhonda Rangel administered the oath of office to the new officers.

No additional action was taken by the Commission.

- 4. New President Report. (15-3390)**

Commissioner Carlos Benavides presided over the meeting and gave a brief overview of his work experience and goals as the Commission President. He provided special acknowledgements to former President Janet Neal and former 2nd Vice President John Troost.

No additional action was taken by the Commission.

II. SET MATTER

- 5. 1:30 p.m.**

Report by the Jacob Williams, Assistant Director, Department of Public Works, on its responsibilities and/or direct services that substantially impact the lives of people with disabilities, as requested by the Commission on Disabilities. (15-1791)

Jacob Williams provided a Power Point presentation to the Commission. He discussed the role of the Department of Public Works (DPW) and how the services have improved and have impacted the lives of individuals with disabilities. He announced 2015 would mark the 30th Anniversary of the Department of Public Works along with the 25th Anniversary of the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Department's annual Budget of \$2.3 Billion comes from revenues collected from gas, taxes, assessments, water bills, city fees, and contracts. DPW has many projects and services that include operating and maintaining 14 major dams, managing five County airports and providing dial a ride shuttle buses and transportation services.

Four Core Service Areas that have the strongest nexus with Americans with Disabilities Act and substantial impact on the lives of people with disabilities are:

- a. Public Buildings;**
- b. Development Services ;**
- c. Transportation; and**
- d. Emergency Management which is required to incorporate access and functional need associated with ADA. DPW works closely with emergency management responders to ensure unity of effort in response.**

Public Works has taken a leadership role in code updates relative to accessibility and addressing functional needs. Mr. Williams shared the DPW ADA hotline phone number (626) 458 4081 that can be utilized by constituents.

Commissioners Caracoza, Chaturvedi, James, Neal and Welt Narro commented on this item.

Daniel Garcia, Genevieve Clavreul, Wayne Katt and Herman Doe, members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.

After discussion, President Carlos Benavides thanked Mr. Jacob Williams for his invaluable presentation.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. DISCUSSION

- 6.** Discussion regarding dedicating the ramp located in the Mall area of the Hall of Administration, in the memory of former Commissioner Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. (Continued from the meeting of 07/18/12.) (12-3066)

Commissioners briefly discussed past requests for a ramp dedication.

After discussion, on motion of 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet Neal, and unanimously carried, the President was authorized to review and amend the June 8, 2010 Commission letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Ernest T.

Hamilton, Jr. Ramp dedication and send to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Commission.

Daniel Garcia, Wayne Katt and Herman Doe, members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.

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IV. REPORTS

- 7.** Staff Report for the Month of July 2015.
- Code of Conduct Submittals
 - Mileage Certifications
 - Departmental Presentation Status (15-3343)

Staff, Emma De Jesus reported the Code of Conduct Acknowledgment forms signed and dated by Commissioners have been submitted to Human Resources. She also reminded Commissioners submit their mileage certification documents as soon as possible. Lastly, she reported the next scheduled Department to present will be the Military and Veterans Affairs Department.

- 8.** Receive and File Events/Standing Committee Reports for June 2015:
- Events: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost
 - Education: Commissioners Troost (Chair), James, Neal
 - Transportation: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost
 - Housing: Commissioners Welt Narro (Chair), Teran, Neal

(Continued from the meeting of 6/17/15) (15-2798)

EVENTS

Chair Janet Neal reported the Committee is working on the next Access Awards Reception event. She requested more donations as well as the event date as soon as possible. The Committee is planning to do a souvenir program this year.

EDUCATION

Chair John Troost noted the Scholarship Event was a success. Commissioner Neal added this year's recipients were great and hopes to maintain long term relationship with them.

TRANSPORTATION

Chair Janet Neal reported that the Committee is still working on their short and long term goals. She added that Uber and Lyft may not be accessible forms of transportation.

HOUSING

Chair Wendy Welt Narro reported that she will be researching "Operation HOPE", an organization that assists low income home buyers to qualify for financing.

President Benavides requested Commissioner Welt Narro research more information and provide staff with the necessary contact information for a presentation in the future.

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9. Monthly Report presented by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Incorporated. (15-3339)

Mr. Louis Burns reported on various community meetings being held by Access Services Incorporated and fare changes with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Daniel Garcia, Wayne Katt and Herman Doe, members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

10. Receive and File the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report of June 2015. (15-3394)

1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro read the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report of June 2015 on behalf of 2nd Vice President John Troost.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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11. Receive and File the Monthly Report presented by Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para Transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (Continued from the meeting of 5/20/015) (15-2065)

Ms. Giovanna Gogreve gave a brief report on METRO's preparation for the Special Olympics event.

Daniel Garcia and Genevieve Clavreul, members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

12. Receive and File the Monthly Report presented by Jess Segovia, ADA Compliance Manager, Civil Rights Programs Compliance Department, METRO. (15-3391)

In the absence of Jess Segovia, Ms. Yvonne Price introduced Joanna Lemus, member of the METRO Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Ms. Price gave a Power Point presentation on METRO's Reasonable Modification/Accommodation and reported that the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) has revised the rules under the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Reasonable Modification and Accommodation will enable a person with disability to fully use transit services which took effect on July 13, 2015. METRO trainings were given to staff, bus drivers and bus operators. In addition, she announced, METRO is also celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act.

Wayne Katt, Herman Doe, Genevieve Clavreul and Daniel Garcia, members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

13. Commissioner Announcements. (15-3342)

President Carlos Benavides announced the Commission will host the Spain Delegation to be held on July 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 372 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. He asked and encouraged Commissioners to inform staff if they are planning on participating in this event.

1st Vice President Janet Neal announced the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability meets on first Wednesday of the month at the City Hall of Los Angeles.

No action was taken by the Commission.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 14.** Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-3340)

No matters were posted on the agenda.

Public Comment

- 15.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that is within jurisdiction of the Committee. (15-2313)

Carey Stone of the Los Angeles City Department on Disability addressed the Commission on the City of Los Angeles' complaint system for long term care facilities, the proposed consolidation of various Departments and the City's preparations for the Special Olympics World Summer Games.

Herman Doe, member of the public addressed the Commission on ADA programs, complaint procedure and civil rights protection for the disabled.

Wayne Katt, member of the public addressed the Commission on congested traffic throughout Los Angeles County.

Daniel Garcia, member of the public addressed the Commission regarding the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability.

Jacob Cohen, member of the public addressed the Commission on employment and Social Security Income (SSI) recipients.

Adjournment

16. Adjournment for the meeting of July 15, 2015. (15-3341)

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m. in memory of Ronald Marshall Harris, Sr., father of staff member, Nyla Jefferson.